



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Ludwig ZORN, et al.

Serial No.: 10/625,559

Group Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: HANLEY, Susan Marie

For: Microbiological Process for the Production of 7 α -Substituted 11 α -Hydroxy Steroids, 7 α , 17 α -Substituted 11 β -Halogen Steroids that can be Produced Therefrom, Their Process for Production and Use as well as Pharmaceutical Preparations that Contain These Compounds, as well as 7 α -Substituted Estra-1,3,5(10)-Trienes that can be Produced Therefrom

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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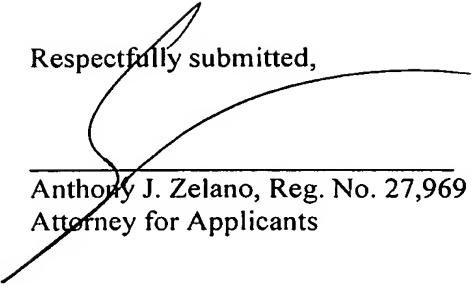
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 29, 2006, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I (claims 1-10) and elect the microorganism species Glomerella sp.

The Examiner is urged to withdraw the restriction requirement/election. A search of all the claims would comprise overlapping subject matter, and it would not be an undue burden on the examiner to carry out a search. "If search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner *must* examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct invention." (Emphasis added.) M.P.E.P. 803. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction be withdrawn.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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